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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**JAMES H. WANG, ET AL.**

Serial No.: 09/753,077

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For: **WATER-RESPONSIVE BIODEGRADABLE  
POLYMER COMPOSITION AND METHOD  
OF MAKING SAME**

Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: **Jeffrey Mullis**

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2002, applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

**CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims:**

Please rewrite Claims 2, 14, 32 and 33 as follows:

a1 2. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein said biodegradable polymer is selected from poly(hydroxy alkanoates), poly(alkylene succinates), polycaprolactones or combinations thereof that are hydrolytically degradable.

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